

REMARKS

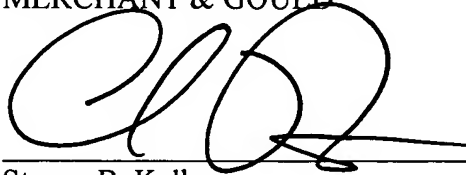
Claims 1-12 are now pending. Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. The subject matter of original Claims 4(3) and 8(7) has been reproduced as newly added Claims 11 and 12. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Christopher W. Raimund at (202) 326-0345.

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